FAMILIES OF LANGUAGES.

(5) Teutonic, containing (a) English, Dutch, Flemish.

- (b) Icelandic, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian.
- (c) Modern German.

§ 3. They have proved—

- (1) That our language belongs to a group called Teutonic.
- (2) That English is most like *Dutch*, *Frisian*, and *Flemish*. These, including English, are called **Low-German** languages, because they were spoken originally along the lowlying shores of the German Ocean and Baltic Sea.
- (3) That our language closely resembles *Icelandic*, *Danish*, *Norwegian*, and *Swedish*, called Scandinavian languages.
- (4) That it is also, as we have seen, much like the modern German language which was at first spoken only in the highlands of Central and Southern Germany, and hence called High-German.

§ 4. History confirms the story told us by those who have studied languages in the way we have spoken of, for we know that the first Englishmen, the *Angles*, came from the land of the Low Germans on the continent, and settled in Britain during the fifth century. *England* means "the land of the Angles." We know, too, that there were other *Low*-*German* tribes that came along with them, and spoke

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